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TOTAL CLAIMS	42	MINUS	42	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	5	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+ \$280	\$ 0	
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
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AMENDMENTS

The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application

1. (currently amended) A server for hard copy apparatus control comprising:
means for connecting the apparatus to a network;
means for deciphering messages received via said the means for connecting based on ~~data type and content to determine if the message is a process type message or a request type message;~~
means for routing deciphered messages received via said the means for deciphering such that ~~specific tasks associated with process and request type messages~~ hard copy apparatus control are discriminatively routed; and
means for respectively receiving discriminatively routed messages; and
means for executing said tasks corresponding to discriminately routed messages.
2. (currently amended) The invention server as set forth in claim 1, the means for connecting the apparatus to a network comprising:
an electronic mail handler component including means for automatically sending electronic mail to subscribed clients based upon hard copy apparatus status changes.
3. (currently amended) The invention server as set forth in claim 1, the means for connecting the apparatus to a network comprising:
a web server component having means for providing web-based clients with an HTML interface application compatible therewith and having means for thereafter communicating with each of said the web-based clients via said the HTML interface application.
4. (currently amended) The invention server as set forth in claim 3, the means for executing tasks deciphering messages comprising: